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RE: MUTO, Akira

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On 18 April 1946 the records of the Personnel Section, Cabinet Secretariat, were examined at the Diet Building, Tokyo.

Complete personnel records of the subject were micro-filmed. Photostatic copies, together with translation, are on file as Exhibit No. 704.

Following is a transcript of the translation:

MUTO, Akira

DATE OF BIRTH: December 15, 1892

REGISTERED

DOMICILE : KUMAMOTO Prefecture

SOCIAL STATUS: SAMURAI class

1911 May 29 Graduated from the Regular Course of the
Central Military Preparatory SchoolMay 31 Appointed probational officer and assigned
to 72nd Infantry Regiment (Inspectorate
General of Military Training)

June 8 Joined the 72nd Infantry Regiment

Appointed infantry superior private
(72nd Infantry Regiment)Aug. 1 Promoted to infantry corporal (72nd Infantry
Regiment)Nov. 22 Promoted to infantry sergeant (72nd Infantry
Regiment)

Dec. 1 Entered the Military Academy

1913 May 26 Graduated from the above school

June 5 Returned to the original regiment

June 6 Promoted to infantry sergeant-major and
appointed military cadet (72nd Infantry
Regiment)

1913 Nov. 3 Passed the Officers Selection Council under Article 12 of the Military Replacement Ordinance

Dec. 25 Appointed infantry sublieutenant (Cabinet)
Assigned to the 72nd Infantry Regiment

1914 Mar. 20 Conferred the senior grade of the 8th Court rank

Dec. 3 Appointed staff member of OITA Prisoners of War Camp (War Ministry)

1915 Sept 17 Relieved of the above duty (War Ministry)

Nov. 7 Awarded an Imperial grant of 150 yen and also a war medal of the 1914-1915 War

Aug. 6 Promoted infantry lieutenant (Cabinet)

Oct. 1 Raised to the Junior Grade of the 7th Court Rank

Dec. 10 Ordered to enter the Military Staff College (War Ministry)

1920 Nov. 1 Decorated with the 6th Order of Merit with the Sacred Treasure, and awarded an Imperial grant of 400 yen for the services in the 1915-1920 War

1921 Apr. 20 Assigned to the military academy (War Ministry)

1922 July 22 Relieved of the above duty and assigned to the Inspectorate-General of Military Training (War Ministry)

Aug. 15 Promoted to infantry captain (Cabinet)

Sept 11 Raised to the Senior Grade of the 7th Court Rank

Dec. 5 Relieved of the assignment to the 72nd Infantry Regiment and appointed staff member of the Inspectorate-General of Military Training, acting as a staff officer (War Ministry)

1923 Apr. 22 Relieved of the principal post and assigned to the Inspectorate-General of Military Training ("War Ministry")

June 5 Relieved of assigned above, and ordered to be stationed in Germany for military study ("War Ministry")

1926 May 3 Relieved of the above duty and assigned to the Inspectorate-General of Military Training ("War Ministry")

Aug. 6 Relieved of the above assignment and appointed staff member of the Inspectorate-General of Military Training ("War Ministry")

1927 Oct. 1 Raised to the Junior Grade of the 6th Court Rank

Nov. 29 Decorated with the 5th Order of Merit with the Sacred Treasure

1928 Aug. 10 Promoted to infantry major (Cabinet)

1929 Dec. 10 Assigned to the Inspectorate-General of Military Training ("War Ministry")

1930 Nov. 27 Appointed member of the Army General Staff Headquarters and concurrently instructor of strategy of the Military Staff College ("War Ministry")
Post

1931 Aug. 1 Relieved of the concurrent, (War Ministry)

1932 Apr. 12 Appointed to the concurrent post of instructor of strategy at the Military Staff College (War Ministry)

1932 Aug. 8 Promoted to infantry lieutenant - colonel (Cabinet)

1932 Sept 1 Raised to the senior grade of the 6th Court Rank

1934 Feb. 7 Decorated with the 4th Merit with the Order of Sacred Treasure

1923 Apr. 22 Relieved of the principal post and assigned to the Inspectorate-General of Military Training ("War Ministry")

June 5 Relieved of assigned above, and ordered to be stationed in Germany for military study ("War Ministry")

1926 May 3 Relieved of the above duty and assigned to the Inspectorate-General of Military Training ("War Ministry")

Aug. 6 Relieved of the above assignment and appointed staff member of the Inspectorate-General of Military Training ("War Ministry")

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Nov. 29 Decorated with the 5th Order of Merit with the Sacred Treasure

1928 Aug. 10 Promoted to infantry major (Cabinet)

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1932 Apr. 12 Appointed to the concurrent post of instructor of strategy at the Military Staff College ("War Ministry")

1932 Aug. 8 Promoted to infantry lieutenant - colonel (Cabinet)

1932 Sept 1 Raised to the senior grade of the 6th Court Rank

1934 Feb. 7 Decorated with the 4th Merit with the Order of Sacred Treasure

1934 Mar. 5 Assigned to the 1st Infantry Regiment (War Ministry)

1935 Mar. 15 Assigned to the Army Ordnance Main Depot and concurrently to the Military Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry (War Ministry)

1935 Aug. 1 Appointed staff member of the Military Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry (War Ministry)

1935 Aug. 22 Appointed concurrently instructor of the strategy at the Military Staff College (War Ministry)

1934 Apr. 29 Decorated with the 3rd Merit with the Order of the Middle Cordon of the Rising Sun (for his service in the 1931-1934 war)

1936 June 19 Appointed Staff officer of the KWANTUNG Army (War Ministry)

1936 Aug. 1 Promoted to Infantry Colonel (Cabinet)

1936 Oct. 1 Raised to the junior grade of the 5th Court rank

1937 Mar. 1 Appointed Section Chief of the Army General Staff Headquarters (War Ministry)
Relieved of the post of Staff officer of the KWANTUNG Army

1937 Apr. 1 Appointed concurrently member of the Naval General Staff Headquarters (Navy Ministry)

1937 Apr. 15 Appointed member of the army Munitions Investigation Commission (Cabinet)

1937 Apr. 15 Appointed member of the Army Munitions Industry Mobilization Agreement Commission (not reported in official gazette) (War Ministry)

1937 Dec. 23 Relieved of the post of member of the army Munitions Investigation Commission (Cabinet)

1937 Oct. 30 Relieved of the concurrent post of member of the Naval General Staff Headquarters (Navy Ministry)

1939 Mar. 9 Promoted to major-general (Cabinet)

1939 Apr. 1 Raised to the senior grade of the 5th Court rank

1939 Sept 30 Appointed member of the Common Civil Service Limitation Committee (War Ministry)

1939 Oct. 10 Appointed Councillor of the Bureau of Education (Cabinet)
(abolished by Imperial Ordinance No. 748 of Nov. 1, 1942)

1939 Sept 30 Relieved of the post of vice-chief of staff of the North China Army (Cabinet)
Appointed Director of the Military Affairs Bureau of the War Ministry and concurrently chief secretary of the Supreme War Council (Cabinet)

Appointed member of the War Ministry suite at the Imperial Headquarters (War Ministry)

1939 Oct. 12 Appointed Councillor of the Planning Board
Appointed Councillor of the Manchurian Affairs Bureau
Appointed Committee of the Cabinet Information Bureau

Appointed secretary of the National General Mobilization Council

Appointed temporary member of the Electric Communications Commission

Appointed member of the Liaison Committee of the Asia Development Board (Cabinet)

1939 Oct. 13 Appointed member of the China Affair Damage Investigation Commission (abolished by Imperial Ordinance No. 839 of Sept 3, 1941) (Cabinet)

1939 Nov. 7 Appointed Councillor of the Overseas Affairs Bureau of the Overseas Affairs Ministry (Cabinet)

1939 Nov. 13 Decorated with the 2nd Order of merit with the Sacred Treasure

1939 Nov. 30 Appointed member of the Agriculture and Forestry Planning Commission (Cabinet)

1939 Dec. 11 Appointed member of the Books for Japanese Language Text Books Investigation Commission (Cabinet)

1939 Dec. 24 Appointed government commissioner for affairs under the jurisdiction of the War Ministry (in the 75th Diet) (Cabinet)

1940 Nov. 13 The post of Councillor of the Overseas Affairs Bureau was abolished by Imperial Ordinance No. 760 of 1941 (Cabinet)

1940 Dec. 24 Appointed government commissioner for affairs under the jurisdiction of the War Ministry (in the 75th Diet) (Cabinet)

1940 Dec. 26 Appointed Councillor of the South Seas Bureau of the Overseas Affairs Ministry (Cabinet)

1941 Feb. 6 Appointed member of the suite of the Japanese Commission for mediation of the border dispute between Siam and French Indo-China (Cabinet)

1941 Jan. 23 Appointed Japanese member of the Italo-German-Japanese Mixed Commission held in Tokyo (not reported in the official gazette) (Cabinet)

1941 Oct. 15 Promoted to Lieutenant General (Cabinet)

1941 Nov. 15 Appointed government commissioner for affairs under the jurisdiction of the War Ministry (in the 77th Diet) (Cabinet)

1941 Dec. 15 Appointed government commissioner for affairs under the jurisdiction of the Army Ministry (in the 78th Diet) (Cabinet) (in the 79th Diet) (Cabinet)

1941 Dec. 26 Appointed Councillor of the General Affairs Bureau of the Agriculture and Forestry Ministry (Cabinet)

1942 Feb. 21 Appointed Secretary of the Greater East Asia Construction Council (Cabinet)

1942 Mar. 17 Appointed member of the Establishment Commission for the Southern Legions Development Bank (Cabinet)

1941 Apr. 15 Raised to the junior grade of the 4th Court rank

1941 Apr. 2 Relieved of the post of member of Establishment Commission for the Southern Regions Development Bank (Cabinet)

1942 Apr. 20 Appointed Commander of the Imperial Guards Division

1942 May. 11 Relieved of the post of Councillor of the General Affairs Bureau of the Agriculture and Forestry Ministry
Relieved of the post of member of Planning Commission (Cabinet)

1942 May. 13 Relieved of the post of Councillor of the Manchurian Affairs Bureau
Relieved of the post of Councillor of the Planning Board
Relieved of the post of secretary of the National General Mobilization Council
Relieved of the post of secretary of the Greater East Asia Construction Council.

Relieved of the post of member of the Liaison Committee of the Asia Development Board (Cabinet)

1942 Sept 16 Relieved of the post of member of the Enemy Property Administration Commission (Cabinet)

1942 Dec. 17 Relieved of the post of the Japanese member of the Italo-German-Japanese Mixed Commission held in Tokyo (Cabinet)

1940 Apr. 29 Decorated with the 3rd Order of the Golden Kite (for Services in the China Affair)
Decorated with the Order of the Double Rays of the Rising Sun

1943 June 1 Appointed Commander of the 2nd Imperial Guards Division
(not reported in the official gazette) (Cabinet)

1943 Oct. 9 Decorated with the 1st Order of Merit with the Sacred Treasure

1944 May. 1 Raised to the senior grade of the 4th Court rank